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I saw Foreign Secretary Desai at 5:00 this evening to press our position on Cuba. He had talked with Prime Minister, been over the documents and was responsive to my case. I repeated with great emphasis our hope that they would avoid comment or statement that would give comfort to the Soviets or the Communist uproar. While I got no commitment I think we can reasonably count on this.

Desai spoke

I said we would welcome such a stand. This, of course, is no contract and New York position may well be less clear. However, the Indian position is clearly open to argument and persuasion and therefore it is important that I be kept both intimately and expeditiously informed.

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